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I. A.

PERCENTAGES CATEGORIES

15 YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS

5 YOUNG MILITARY OFFICERS

7 YOUNG BUREAUCRATS

PROFESSIONALS IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS:

12 MEDIA

10 BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

6 EDUCATION

JT ARTS AND LETTERS

5 YOUNG LABOR LEADERS

10 LEADERS OF NATIONAL YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

15 UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERS

7 FACULTIES OF ENGLISH

POL- SCI, ECONOMICS, AND

SOCIOLOGY AT UNIVERSITIES OF HELSINKI, TURKU,

TAMPERE, OULU AND JYVASKYLA

2 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERS

I. B.: STUDENT AND YOUTH LEADERS ARE EXCEPTIONALLY
INFLUENTIAL IN FINLAND. THE YOUTH AND UNIVERSITY STUDENT
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WINGS OF THE FINNISH POLITICAL PARTIES ARE HIGHLY ORGANIZED AND HAVE CLOSE TIES WITH THEIR PARENT PARTIES. STUDENT GOVERNMENTS ARE UNUSUALLY WELL ORGANIZED, PROSPEROUS AND HAVE RECENTLY BECOME POLITICIZED. PROMISING YOUTH AND STUDENT POLITICIANS TEND TO MOVE DIRECTLY OUT OF YOUTH AND STUDENT POLITICS INTO INFLUENTIAL POSITIONS IN THEIR PARTIES AND IN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

EDITORS AND STAFFS OF STUDENT NEWSPAPERS, JUNIOR STAFF MEMBERS OF THE MAJOR DAILIES, YOUNG RADIO AND TELEVISION

ANALYSTS AND COMMENTATORS COMPRISE A POTENTIALLY INFLUENTIAL TARGET GROUP IN THIS COUNTRY WHERE THE MEDIA ARE QUITE CONCENTRATED. MANY OF THEM ARE POLITICALLY ACTIVE AND IT IS ASSUMED THAT A NUMBER WILL RISE TO POSITIONS AS SIGNIFICANT OPINION MOULDERS AND POWER HOLDERS.

POST FEELS YOUNG LEADERS IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY DESERVE A CERTAIN PRIORITY IN THE FORMULATION OF OUR TOTAL EFFORT TO PROMOTE AMERICAN BUSINESS INTERESTS IN FINLAND AND IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR YOUTH ACTIVITIES, IN VIEW OF THEIR IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE FINNISH ECONOMY. POST MAINTAINS CLOSE CONTACTS WITH YOUNG LEADERS IN BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATES REGULARLY IN THE MONTHLY ENGLISH-LANGUAGE MEETINGS OF THE HELSINKI JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

I. C. : YES, FINLAND IN 1972 WAS THE SITE OF TWO IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MEETINGS: THE TENTH ALL- EUROPEAN MEETING OF STUDENT UNIONS AND THE EUROPEAN YOUTH SECURITY CONFERENCE. BOTH MEETINGS WERE HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY THE COMMUNIST- DOMINATED INTERNATIONAL YOUTH AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS (INTERNATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS (IUS) AND THE WORLD FEDERATION OF DEMOCRATIC YOUTH (WFDY)). THESE MEETINGS HAVE HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ATTITUDES OF FINNISH YOUTH LEADERS.

THE NATIONAL UNION OF FINNISH STUDENTS (SYL) IS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE IUS AND WFDY OFFICIALS ARE CAREFULLY CULTIVATING FINNISH YOUTH AND STUDENT LEADERS.
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THROUGH ITS ASSOCIATION WITH THE SYL AND CLOSE RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST YOUTH AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS THE IUS HAS BEEN ABLE TO GET WIDE EXPOSURE FOR ITS PROGRAMS AND GOALS THROUGHOUT FINNISH UNIVERSITIES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS. IUS' S LARGELY ANTI- AMERICAN THEMES SUCH AS " YOUTH ACCUSES IMPERIALISM," " FREE ANGELA DAVIS" AND A

FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN FOR A NORTH VIETNAMESE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL HAVE HAD A POPULAR APPEAL AMONG FINNISH YOUTH WHICH HAS CUT ACROSS PARTY LINES. IN THE NEXT TWO TO FOUR YEARS THE IUS AND WFDY WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCING THE ATTITUDES OF FINNISH YOUTH TO THE DETRIMENT OF US NATIONAL INTERESTS. WHITE

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II. A:

PERCENTAGE CATEGORIES

- 5 ASSURE ACCESS TO KEY FUTURE LEADERSHIP.
- 10 DEVELOP INFLUENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH LEADERS OF POLITICALLY AWARE YOUTH AND WITH POTENTIAL FUTURE LEADERSM
- 15 CREATE AND MAINTAIN FAVORABLE ATTITUDES TOWARD US THROUGH INCREASED UNDERSTANDING US SOCIETY, POLITICAL SYSTEM AND CU CULTURE.
- 20 PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF BROAD US GOALS AND POLICIES.
- 10 INFLUENCE ATTITUDES ON SPECIFIC US INTERESTS IN FINLAND.
- 10 FOSTER CLIMATE CONDUCTIVE TO BILATERAL TRADE AND US INVESTMENTS IN FUTURE YEARS.
- 5 HELP STRENGTHEN MODERATE, DEMOCRATIC GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS.
- 5 ENCOURAGE COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES.
- 5 ENCOURAGE PRAGMATIC, NON- IDEOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO NATIONAL PROBLEMS.
- 15 THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH CONTACTS,

UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW INCIPIENT POLITICAL
AND SOCIAL TRENDS IN THE SOCIETY.

THE OBJECTIVES SELECTED ABOVE, AND ONLY SLIGHTLY MODIFIED,
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GO TO ACHIEVE OUR FIRST OBJECTIVE, THE MAINTENANCE OF
FINNISH INDEPENDENCE. WE ALSO FEEL IT IS ESSENTIAL TO
MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH YOUTH LEADERS IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND
POLITICAL AND SOCIAL TRENDS WHICH OFTEN BEGIN IN THE
YOUTH AND STUDENT POLITICAL WORLD AND TO INFORM ON US
FOREIGN POLICIES, ECONOMIC AS WELL AS POLITICAL,
AMERICAN TRADITIONS AND SOCIAL ORDER.

PERCENTAGE RESOURCES

15	CU INTERNATIONAL VISITOR TRAVEL GRANTS
5	CU EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS
23	FOREIGN STUDENTS
5	AMERICAN STUDENTS
19	AMERICAN PROFESSORS (LECTURING)
15	TEENAGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS SUCH AS " YOUTH FOR UNDERSTANDING," AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE, ETC.
2	MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM
1	DOD ORIENTATION TOURS
5	CU SHORT- TERM AMERICAN GRANTEES (LECTURERS, ETC.)
10	USIA CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMMING (OTHER THAN EXCHANGES)

A: ADEQUATE.

B: ADEQUATE.

C. NOT APPLICABLE.

(THE EMBASSY REITERATES A SUGGESTION MADE ELSEWHERE THAT
THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER A CULTURAL PRESENTATION PROGRAM
FOR FINLAND WHICH COULD HELP IN ACHIEVEMENT OF PROGRAM
OBJECTIVES FOR YOUTH. THE SAME PROBLEM EXISTS FOR NON-
YOUTH AUDIENCES BUT IS PERHAPS EVEN MORE NECESSARY FOR
YOUTH PROGRAMMING.)

IV. A: RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF " YOUTH" IS CONSIDERED BY
THE COUNTRY TEAM TO BE HIGH.

B: EMBASSY FEELS THE " HIGH" WEIGHTING TAKES COGNIZANCE
OF THE EXCEPTIONAL IMPORTANCE OF BOTH THE ORGANIZED YOUTH
STRUCTURE AND YOUNG POLITICAL FIGURES IN FINLAND, E. G.
TWO MEMBERS OF THE PRESENT CABINET ARE UNDER 32 AND ABOUT
TEN PERCENT OF THE PARLIAMENT IS 35 OR LESS. THERE IS
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PERHAPS AN EXAGGERATED IMPORTANCE GIVEN YOUTH- STUDENT CONCERNS AND INSTITUTIONS, AND FINANCIAL AID, BY THE FINNISH POLITICAL HIERARCHY. WE JUDGE THE HIGH PERCENTAGE OF RESOURCES GIVEN HERE TO YOUTH ACTIVITIES IS APPROPRIATE, BUT RESOURCES ARE LIMITED. ADDITION OF AN EMBASSY YOUTH OFFICER WOULD MAKE OUR EFFORTS MORE EFFECTIVE.

C.1.(A): PERSONNEL TIME: 18 PERCENT: 48 TOTAL MAN MONTHS PER YEAR.

C.1.(B): CONTACT WORK: 40 PERCENT
REPORTING: 20 PERCENT
PROGRAM AORK: 30 PERCENT
PAPER WORK AND MEETINGS: K TEN PERCENT

C.1.(C): STATE: 40 PERCENT
USIA: 60 PERCENT

THE FOREGOING FIGURES ARE COMPUTED TO INCLUDE THE ADDITIONAL FULL- TIME YOUTH OFFICER THE EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED.

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